

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 22nd July 2012

ARISS Contact from Dublin

ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) offers an opportunity for students to experience the excitement of Amateur Radio by talking directly with crewmembers onboard the International Space Station. Teachers, parents and communities see, first hand, how Amateur Radio and crewmembers on ISS can energize youngsters' interest in science, technology and learning.

The European Space Agency has locations in several European countries. The annual summer space camp is an occasion when the children of staff employed at ESA get a chance to mix with each other in an environment which allows them to be immersed in space activities and cultural events. This year the 160 ESA campers will be in Dublin and the camp will feature an ARISS contact

The space talk will be a telebridge contact, facilitated by IRTS through the amateur radio ground station operated by W6SRJ, located in Santa Rosa, California.

The contact will also be broadcast on EchoLink AMSAT (node 101 377) and JK1ZRW (node 277 208) Conference servers, as well as on IRLP Discovery Reflector 9010. The event takes place today Sunday 22nd July at approximately 17.25UTC.

ARISS on Dundalk ARS Echolink Nodes

The ARISS contact will be transmitted via Dundalk Amateur Radio Society's two Echolink nodes EI2MOG (145.2125Mhz) and EI4FMG (70.350Mhz) live during the contact. If you are not within RF range of these nodes you may still listen to a live audio stream which is available via the Internet at www.ei7dar.com/ei2mog.html

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Congratulations to Dennis Drennan from South Eastern Amateur Radio Group on recently passing the theory examination and receiving his licence. Dennis is now on the air from his home QTH in Kilkenny with the call-sign, EI2HSB.

SEARG Theory Classes are continuing every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

The next general meeting of SEARG will take place in the Roanmore Centre, Waterford at 8:30 p.m. on Monday the 30th of July - all are welcome to attend. Please note, this meeting is preceded by a committee meeting at 8 p.m. For latest information on the club, visit www.searg.com - you can also join the SEARG group on Facebook or follow the latest news from the club on Twitter.

IOTA Contest

The aim of the IOTA contest is to promote contacts between stations in qualifying IOTA island groups and the rest of the world and to encourage expeditions to IOTA islands. The contest happens 1200UTC Saturday 28th July to 1200UTC Sunday 29th July 2012 (the contest always takes place over the last FULL weekend of July).

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR

Radio theory classes will commence in the autumn. Anyone interested please email info at ei7dar dot com, leaving your name and contact details.

DX News

Ludo HB9EOU and Andre HB9CVC will be on the island of St Barthelemy from 22 July until 4 August. They will use the callsign TO2D. The IOTA reference is NA-146.

A multi-national team will be QRV from St Paul Island off the coast of Canada from 26 July until 1 August. St Paul Island is a separate entity for the DXCC Award and the callsign to be used is CY9M. They will be active on all bands 160 – 6m and the QSL Manager is M0URX.

Two Croatian amateurs are with the NATO-led troops in Afghanistan. They are Maj 9A7TJ and Vlado 9A3QM and can now be heard as T6TJ and T6VT respectively until the end of September. QSLs for both operators go via 9A6AA.

To celebrate their country winning the recent EURO-2012 Championship Spanish stations may use special prefixes until 31 July. EA stations may use the prefix AO, EB stations may use AM and EC stations may use AN.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed

news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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